

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now present in this application. Claims 1 and 20 are independent.

Amendments have been made to the claims. New claims 15-20 have been added by way of the amendment. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has set forth an Election of Species Requirement as follows:

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Figure(s)</u> |
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| A | 1-5C |
| B | 6,7 |
| C | 8-10D |
| D | 11-14 |

ELECTION

In order to comply with the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species D, Figures 11-14, for prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-20 are readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired.

This requirement for election of species is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

REMARKS

As the Examiner will note from drawings, Figs. 6-7 show a proto-type air conditioner of the claimed invention, Figs. 8-10D show a first improvement of the proto-type air conditioner having all features of the proto-type and added features, e.g., a filter 510 for inlet 131, a slot 135a for receiving the filter 510, and a second filter 520. Figs. 11-14 show a second improvement of the proto-type air conditioner having all the features of the first improvement as well as added features, e.g., a supplementary heating device 600. Therefore, Figs. 11-14 show every feature of the claimed invention in the present application.

As set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.146, a reasonable number of species are permitted in a single application. The present application contains a reasonable number of species. Further, examination of all of the species together in one application would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement is improper in view of the fact that a reasonable number of species are set forth in the present application.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the requirement for election of species, and an action on all of the claims in the application, are respectfully requested.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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